

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination of the subject patent application in light of the present Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-37 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 17 stand rejected. Claims 7, 8, 11 and 14 have been indicated as allowable, but objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 18-37 have been allowed.

Claims Objections

Claim 17 has been objected to under 37 CFR §1.75(c) as being in improper dependent form. In response, claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 16.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Pat. No. 6,619,813 to Schnell in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,609,811 to Sharrah. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In response, independent claim 1 has been further limited to “the carrier having a portion configured to contact the momentary contact switch”. Support for this additional limitation may be found at numerous places within the specification (e.g., par. [0032]). Support for the additional limitation may also be found within original claim 18.

Claim 1 has also been limited to “a clip that is integral with the body portion. Support for the clip being integral with the body portion is clearly shown in FIGs. 1-6.

In contrast neither Schnell or Sharrah teach or suggest a carrier having a portion configured to contact an activating switch. As such, the combination of Schnell and Sharrah fail

to teach each and every claim limitation. Since the combination fails to teach each and every claim limitation, the rejection is believed to be improper and should be withdrawn.

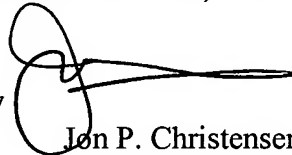
Closing Remarks

For the foregoing reasons, applicant submits that the subject application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits an early Notice of Allowance. Should the Primary Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Primary Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18, including but not limited to the issue fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. A duplicate copy of this sheet(s) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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